

REMARKS

Added independent claim 51 readable on the species of Figure 1 is believed necessary to round out the protection of the present invention which includes the feature that the present system includes a mode of operation where the system is operating in a series configuration where engine power can be utilized to charge the storage device at lower speeds or idle when propulsion is by the electric motor e.g. in city driving is utilized, and the engine can also be utilized to power the vehicle in parallel configuration with the wheels for providing power at higher speeds.

The Examiner's consideration of the claims drawn specifically to the several features of the present system is appreciated.

Claim 51 is submitted with a check in the amount of \$39.00 for a further independent claim for a small entity, the total claims now pending not exceeding twenty.

If there are any further concerns, the Examiner is invited to call Conrad O. Gardner for a telephone conference at (206) 544-1058.

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